themselves in the* port towns and in London The Lord Cobham and the Lord Mayor are charged to have diligent watch to prevent their landing **If** any be already come into the towns they must be made to retire themselves into some quarters abroad in the fields the better to air themselves, and to remain until they have cleared themselves by the trial of 40 days

26th July THE PLAY OF [c] HAMLET [3]

Roberts the printer hath entered for the printing that play of my Lord Chamberlain's Men called *The Revenge of Hamlet^ Prince of Denmark,* which they played of late, written by Shake-speare, a play that hath in it much to please the wiser sort

28*ib July* COURT RUMOURS

All our great persons now seek by all means to have the Scottish King well conceited of them, and he on the other side laboureth by many agents to entertain affections here, dis-sembling if he have any dislike It is said that he hath in every part of the realm certain principal persons appointed immedi-ately upon notice of the death of her Majesty to proclaim him, and to make what party they can for him Yet others are said to have an intention to marry the Earl of Hertford's younger son with the Lady Arabella and to carry it that way

A TREATY WITH THE KING OF DENMARK

Now that a treaty is proposed between her Majesty and the King of Denmark and some Princes of the Empire, the Lord Eure is chosen to be the principal commissioner, which his Lord-ship would put from him, declaring that by long discontinuance from the Court he is disfurmshed of such courtly respects aj> fitteth a messenger to so worthy a Princess

Further, the affairs of the country and delights have withdrawn him from the practice and exercise of languages and have long deprived him of the society of men of that quality, so that he can neither deliver message or entertain discourse with foreigners in any language save English, nor will his estate afford him means in so short a time except her Majesty furnish him with more than her ordinary allowance to men of her rank. To all of which answer is returned that the Queen cannot allow of my Lord's